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(57) Abstract

The filter assembly has a filter medium (34) provided with end caps (35, 36) that form water-wettable junctions with the filter medium (34). The filter element (34) is encapsulated in a housing (10) which is formed from a plastics material capable of withstanding steam sterilization. This allows the filter element (34) to be steam sterilized in situ and avoids the need for steam autoclaving and aseptic transfer.

